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Discussion of 19 June 1957 regarding [ ] and [ ]

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1. In a session lasting the entire afternoon of 19 June, UPSWING representatives, [ ] and [ ] were briefed by [ ] and [ ] with [ ] and [ ] in attendance regarding certain operational leads provided by [ ] and [ ] which we had either attempted to exploit or had investigated and traced down the persons concerned to the point where operational exfiltration could now be undertaken. UPSWING was informed that [ ] and [ ] had been instructed to leave the coordination of these cases to us, inasmuch as many of these leads were unresolved and investigations were under way at the time [ ] and [ ] were turned over to UPSWING - a turnover we did not feel should be delayed. It covered over operational lead and operational maneuver we made involving [ ] and [ ] in a rather intense and furious verbal briefing which [ ] was presumably was able to reconstruct, as he took notes at a frantic pace throughout the afternoon. Attached herewith, in form suitable for passing directly to URGWING and with an extra copy for retention of Pullach, is a brief summary of each of these operational cases, indicating the persons involved, the action taken by us, and the agreement we understand to have been reached with UPSWING with respect to future pursuit of the lead. Also included is a brief summary of the exfiltration of [ ] family, and the status of negotiations regarding [ ] family. It is again noted for the record that the family status of both, and our efforts to exfiltrate these families, were clearly indicated to UPSWING during my

Enclosure:

Summary of operational leads

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First discussion of the proposed turnover in March. The subsequent effort of [ ] could not have been known to us at that time, but in general I think it is a fair statement that USAMIA was given at least a verbal briefing on the various security restrictions and difficulties of this case before they accepted custody.

2. The turnover of [ ] and [ ] to USAMIA has been, I think, an instructive experience. In discussion with FBI staff officers concerned on the morning of 19 June, revealed that our respective bases had approached this turnover from quite different viewpoints. Our original approach, and one to which we reluctantly adhered, envisioned some or less bringing USAMIA into the exploitation of these defectors on a joint basis - asking of them in return only assistance in monitoring the war with German officials to ensure legalisation of both [ ] and [ ] from our cooperation with [ ] and [ ]. We felt very strongly that neither should be considered, even for a moment, for continued employment in the intelligence field, and this was expressed by Steigman (he feels quite clearly) during the March discussion; it becomes clear from the subsequent history that USAMIA desired to do [ ] own conclusion and if possible achieve a position with [ ] and [ ] permitting their unilateral exploitation of any leads they wished to pursue. Undoubtedly the USAMIA objective, which was clearly understood by FBI, is the natural reaction of an independent service and the basis upon which we should probably in the future plan any such turnover. In short, the physical turnover of any body should undoubtedly be clean and practised upon a total break of relationship with the person or persons turned over, leaving all future exploitation and negotiation with said person to USAMIA (or the service involved). If we desire to withhold certain leads and maintain certain operational equity, we have little choice but to endeavour on our own to reacquire such a defector; even though CAVIN or USAMIA will locate such a reliable source, we are under no obligation to either of these offices to resuscitate our operational equity or inform them of our exploitation under these circumstances.

3. The further point made clear by the turnover of [ ] and [ ] is that FBI should have a "reference" who has familiarized himself with all aspects of our exploitation of the defector being turned over. It can be imagined without difficulty, I think, that an association on an all-day and half-night basis over a period of two months of an FBI defector does not admit of full and complete documentation on a current basis; inevitably the various interrogators assess notes on the basis of which they re-interrogate and exchange views with other interrogators, out of which ultimately comes the interrogation report. Concurrently, operational exploitation is underway and innumerable contact reports are building up regarding operational moves. In the instant case, five FBI staff officers and [ ] interrogated

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[ ] and [ ] and pursued leads they provided during the period early January to the end of March. A completely collated account of all this activity still does not exist; rather individual files of operational leads are at hand at BGB, and the final interpretation reports are now being completed. With these practical considerations, it was agreed between PGB and BGB that a smooth turnover could only be achieved in such a case by sending a PGB officer to Berlin to discuss with all concerned the status of exploitation of any such defector, and to reach an agreed position with BGB regarding the scope of statements and/or reports we would provide to UFSMDU in conjunction with the turnover.

4. Despite all the problems we (and UFSMDU) have had regarding this case, it is our impression from conversation with G HOMBERG and G BETZ that we have nonetheless achieved our objective in the turnover of these defectors. G BETZ indicated very clearly, and even G HOMBERG was forced to agree, that [ ] and [ ] had provided UFSMDU with a totally different concept or the role of the Kreis Dienststelle of the MTS, which G BETZ assessed to be valid and worth all the difficulty [ ] and [ ] have represented. In addition, G HOMBERG indicated that UFSMDU has enjoyed operational exploitation of [ ] and [ ] until this time, preferring first to establish them in a new life (with which we most heartily agreed) but, having now accomplished this, G HOMBERG anticipated that he would shortly be presenting to the PGB staff certain operational proposals for discussion and joint consideration. If this in fact comes to pass, we should indeed achieve our objective of getting together with UFSMDU on the MTS problem.

5. Undoubtedly the brightest spot of the afternoon was the brief discussion with G BETZ regarding MTS operations and modus operandi. G BETZ strikes us as an unusually enthusiastic, straightforward, and intelligent person with whom we expect to have regular interesting exchanges regarding the MTS.

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1. As we understand it, Otto and Heinz now have their West German identification papers, and Otto and his family have housing. As for Heinz, his housing problem, not yet a difficult one since he has not yet been joined by his family, should be solved in the near future.

2. In the matter of Heinz's family, it was explained that we were in contact with his sister-in-law Dr. ECKARD, born circa 1911, living at Lippach-Edelhausen bei Weimar. Through ECKARD we succeeded in transmitting to his wife's lawyer the necessary funds to cover legal fees and restoration of the embezzled monies charged against his wife. At our last meeting with ECKARD, we learned that his wife was still being held in investigatory custody, but that her release should be imminent. However, because of the successful evacuation of Otto's family to West Berlin and the ensuing MTS investigation resulting in at least one arrest, it was learned that ECKARD had also been questioned by the MTS. She failed to appear at a meeting arranged for late May, alternate for early June. Since that time Heinz has passed from our control, and we have lost the means of pursuing the evacuation of Heinz's wife and infant son. We are willing to continue to act in this matter, withdraw from participation, or support a joint effort. However, in view of the security dangers in Weimar at the present, we feel that no action should be taken for a few months, at least.

3. In the case of Otto, we passed you a photocopy of a letter apparently written by his ex-girl friend Karin LORENZ, born circa 1938, living at Weimar, Platz der Deutsch-Sowjetischen Freundschaft 1, bei GAFK, to Otto in care of a fictional name at the address of the KGB. It was explained that this may well be an MTS attempt to determine Otto's location in West Germany, since LORENZ was involved in the Klem NIKOLAEV affair (see attached summary of this case). Inasmuch as Otto was very close to LORENZ, and at one time was considering divorcing his wife in order to marry her, the security threat she presented to future operations involving Otto was stressed.

4. We understand that operational interviews of Otto and Heinz have not yet begun, but will be undertaken after Otto and Heinz have settled down with employment. We reiterated that, concerning termination settlements with Otto and Heinz, we promised only that they would receive housing, a little money to tide them over until they had steady employment, and assistance in obtaining work.

5. Inasmuch as we turned over Otto and Heinz while we were still investigating, or initiating, several operations, it was necessary for us to brief Otto and Heinz that we would take up these cases with the appropriate authorities personally. Summaries of these cases (thirteen in number) are attached.

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1. Subject: Horst MAIER, MVS Erfurt Unterleutnant

Persons Involved:

1. Horst MAIER, born 1925, Weimar-Brüderdorf, living at Weimar-Brüderdorf, Weimarer Str. 24/1
2. Horst LANGE, born circa 1926, living in Weimar, employed at LDP Weimar Kreisleitung
3. Otto, personal data known

Developments:

We attempted making contact with MAIER through a letter written by KRAUS, which was delivered to MAIER at his home address in February 1957. MAIER did not appear at the suggested meeting site, and shortly thereafter we received provocative material in the letterdrop given MAIER for communicating with us. It appears MAIER surrendered the letter to the MVS, perhaps fearing it an MVS provocation. We are now attempting to make contact with MAIER through his close friend LANGE.

Future Handling:

It was agreed that we would continue to pursue this case unilaterally for the present - traces, if available, would be helpful.

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2. Subject: Kurt STEINER, alias MUELLER, MTS Weimar Dept. II Informant.

Persons Involved:

1. Kurt STEINER, alias MUELLER, born circa 1931, living in Weimar, Friedrich Engels Ring 14 (9), photographer at the Soviet Officers' Club, Weimarhalle
2. Heinz, personal data known

Developments:

We are planning an approach to STEINER in the very near future. According to SIEGLER, STEINER has a vacillating attitude toward the DDR, and would be susceptible to recruitment. He had been recruited by the MTS under coercion.

Future Handling:

It was agreed that we would pursue this case unilaterally, disseminating eventual MTS information when received.

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4. Subject: Bruno ~~Wilhelm~~ Richard ~~Witz~~ KLEIN, ex-RIS Weimar secret informant

Persons Involved:

1. Bruno KLEIN, born 18 December 1904, Weimar, formerly living at Weimar, Etterbürger Str. 104, owner of an automotive repair shop in Weimar, fled to West Germany in August, 1956, now living at Badesheim refugee camp near Frankfurt/Main.
2. Otto, personal data known

Developments:

Prior to his flight from the DDR, KLEIN, who was a Soviet informant, became involved in a black market investigation involving Soviet army personnel. Otto, through his connections with Soviet officers, learned of KLEIN's imminent arrest and warned him to flee. It appears the Soviets regard KLEIN's participation in the proceedings to be of great importance, for we have detected attempts on the part of individuals in Weimar to lure KLEIN back to the DDR. His family continues to live there, protecting his financial and property interests. We are presently in contact with KLEIN and will provide a report as soon as there are any new developments.

Future Handling:

It was agreed that we would pursue this case unilaterally for the present, keeping you advised of the status.

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3. Subject: Erich DAHRENT, MCS Erfurt Dept XV Informant

Persons Involved:

1. Erich DAHRENT, born 23 January 1920, Pausa, living at Weimar, Deutscherstr 42, employed as Dozent at the Hochschule fuer Architektur, Weimar
2. Heinz, personal data known

Developments:

According to statements by Heinz, DAHRENT was investigated by MCS Weimar in preparation for recruitment by MCS Erfurt Dept XV as a secret informant. We have made contact with DAHRENT under a cover contact, and have established that his activities on behalf of Dept XV, if he was in fact recruited, appear to take place in countries other than the Federal Republic, we having spotted travel to both France and England, but no evidence of travel in the Federal Republic.

Future Handling:

It was agreed that we would pursue this case unilaterally. Traces from Central Files would be provided.

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3. Subject: Karl Hilmar HEMMECKE, considered for recruitment by M/S  
Weimer as a secret informant

Persons Involved:

1. Karl Hilmar HEMMECKE, born 20 Januar, 1911, Kassel, living at  
Kassel, Hartulestr 24, Münsterland/TH, presently unemployed
2. Otto, personal data known

Developments:

According to statements by Otto, HEMMECKE was to have been  
recruited by M/S Weimer during the spring of 1957. One of our  
investigators has approached HEMMECKE under the cover of an M/S  
agent, and HEMMECKE has admitted connections with M/S Erfurt.  
A complete report on HEMMECKE's contacts and activities should  
be available within a few weeks.

Future Handling:

It was agreed that we would pursue this case unilaterally,  
disseminating eventual M/S information when received.

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6. Subject: Rudolf HECHMANN, M'S Erfurt Secre: Collaborator

Persons Involved:

1. Rudolf HECHMANN (also known as HECIMANN or HESCHMANN), cover name JULIUS, (born 12 April 1910, living at Weimar, Belvedere Allee 10 B)

2. Ernst ZEISNER, born 21 August 1914, Frankfurt/Main, living at Frankfurt/Main, Schenckstr 42, employed at the Hamburg-Bremer Feuerversicherungs Gesellschaft, Frankfurt/Main, Heinestr. 24

3. (Gen) Johann Adolf von KIEHMANSOON, personal data known

4. Werner DIETRICH, born 4 June 1912, Engelsdorf bei Leipzig, permanent address at Volkach (near Würzburg), Ring Str. 12, presently living at Dingolfing bei Rosenburg, Raum Str. 160, employed as Baumeister

5. Liselotte DIETRICH, nee DAUMANN, born 10 February 1913 at Rehendorf bei Zippendorf, DM, married to Werner DIETRICH on 27 December 1938, living at Volkach (near Würzburg), Ring Str. 12

6. Otto, personal data known

Developments:

We have been pressing the investigation of this case, because the information by Otto, though up till now very reliable, still has not been verified in this instance, and we wish to avoid any unwarranted damage to anyone's reputation should the charges turn out to be unfounded.

According to Otto, HECHMANN was directed by M'S Erfurt to develop contact with ZEISNER and KIEHMANSOON, all three of whom are said to be members of the Veterans Organization of the First Panzer Division. Otto does not know how successful HECHMANN has been on this operation, and Otto believes that ZEISNER and KIEHMANSOON are unwitting of HECHMANN's M'S ties.

To clear up this matter, we have been seeking contact with HECHMANN. This we tried to achieve through DIETRICH, whose wife is a half-sister of HECHMANN. Otto reported that M'S Weimar had attempted to recruit DIETRICH while he was visiting his wife in the DDR during the summer of 1955. DIETRICH had been a member of the SS. After returning to West Germany, DIETRICH reported his detention in the DDR and refused to continue contact with the M'S. HECHMANN was sent to West Germany late in 1955 to investigate DIETRICH's status.

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Subject: Rudolf HECHMANN (continued)

We made contact with DIETRICH and Otto's information concerning DIETRICH was verified in every detail. However, DIETRICH claimed to have no contact with HECHMANN, and refused to seek any.

In the meantime, we have located ZIMMER, and initial contact with him has verified the fact that he is a member of the Veterans of the First Parachute Division, and he acknowledges having heard of HECHMANN, whom he claims to know as PECHMANN or HECHMANN. ZIMMER further admitted having once been approached by East Zone members of the Veterans group to work for the "ZBND". This point was not pursued in the initial meeting with ZIMMER, because it would have been incompatible with the cover used by the investigator. ZIMMER agreed to inform the investigator if HECHMANN should visit West Germany. However, it should be noted that ZIMMER appears to be aware of the investigator's true motives. It is hoped that this matter will be cleared up within the next few weeks.

Future Handling:

We indicated our desire to pursue this case, but we also expressed our willingness to withdraw, or to participate in a joint effort, should either of the latter approaches be deemed preferable. Traces were requested, particularly on ZIMMER, but also with special attention to any unique capability perhaps available to achieve contact with HECHMANN.

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1. Subject: Frau SCHACHTSCHABEL, MfS Erfurt secret informant

Persons Involved:

1. Frau SCHACHTSCHABEL, born s. 1915, believed to be living in Erfurt, employed as an Oberkommissar on the VP Instrukteur Brigade, Erfurt
2. Otto, personal data known
3. Heinz, personal data known

Developments:

According to statements of Otto and Heinz, SCHACHTSCHABEL has been working for MfS Erfurt since at least early 1956. As yet we have been unable to find a secure means of contact.

Future Handling:

We agreed to take no further action on this case without prior coordination.

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1. Subject: Willi MOELLER, ex-MFS Berlin Driver

Persons Involved:

1. WILLI MOELLER, born c. 1922, living at Weimar, Schwaabe Str. 10, formerly employed by MFS Weimar, and later MFS Berlin as a driver.
2. Frau MOELLER, Frau, wife of Willi MOELLER
3. Tilly MOELLER, daughter of Willi MOELLER
4. Frau LNU, born c. 1945, allegedly cousin of Willi MOELLER living in East Berlin
5. Otto, personal data known

Developments:

Contact with MOELLER was established via a letter written by Otto. However, instead of appearing at the meeting site in person, MOELLER sent his wife, who was accompanied by his daughter Tilly and an unidentified youth, allegedly a cousin living in East Berlin. MOELLER's wife claimed that Willi MOELLER had twisted his leg in an accident and was unable to travel. A succeeding meeting time and site was arranged, but MOELLER failed to appear. We have since learned that MOELLER is no longer employed by the MFS and have abandoned the case.

Future Handling:

We plan no further action in this case. However, should you desire to re-examine this lead, we are prepared to assist as possible.

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7. Subject: Gerhardt STUEHLER, NCS Erfurt secret informant

Persons Involved:

1. Gerhardt STUEHLER, born c. 1929, living in Weimar,  
Student at the Hochschule fuer Architektur in Weimar

2. Heinz, personal data known

Developments:

According to statements by Heinz, STUEHLER was recruited by NCS  
Erfurt Dept XV in mid-1956. As yet we have made no perceptible  
progress toward contact, and, while we have not dropped interest in  
the case, we have found no secure means of approaching STUEHLER.

Future Handling:

We agreed to take no further action on this case without prior  
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10. Subject: Arthur Bruno THIELEMER, MfS Weimar secret informant

Persons Involved:

1. Arthur Bruno THIELEMER, born 15 November 1912, Tanagra, living at Weimar, Bertuch Str. 40, employed as an independent taxi driver
2. Otto, personal data known
3. Lore, wife of Otto, personal data known
4. Ruth KIRMENT, sister of Lore
5. Helga, daughter of Otto, born 1949
6. Volkmar August Otto, son of Otto, born 1954

Developments:

We made contact with THIELEMER when THIELEMER brought Otto's family to West Berlin. Upon his return to Weimar with Ruth KIRMENT, it appears the latter was questioned by the MfS, who in turn probably implicated THIELEMER as having effected the escape of Otto's family to West Berlin. We have since learned from two different sources that he has been arrested. We do not intend to pursue this case.

Future Handling:

Should further action on this lead prove feasible, on either a unilateral basis by either party or on a joint effort, prior coordination will be effected.

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11. Subject: Egon KLEINSTEUBER, ex-MI5 Weimar Unterleutnant

Persons Involved:

1. Egon KLEINSTEUBER, born c. 1931, Gotha, living in Weimar, Ernst Thaelmann Str. bei Fraulein Ida GRUND, employed as taxi driver with VED Taxi, Weimar
2. Karin LORENZ, born c. 1931, living at ...er, Platz der Deutsch-Sowjetischen Freundschaft 1, bei GÄSE
3. Otto, personal data known

Development:

Contact with KLEINSTEUBER via a letter written by Otto was achieved, and a meeting arranged. However, LORENZ appeared at the meeting site instead of KLEINSTEUBER, alleging that KLEINSTEUBER was in East Berlin but at the last moment had decided against entering the West sector for fear of being arrested by the West Berlin police. According to LORENZ, KLEINSTEUBER was anxious to see Otto and wanted Otto to come to him in East Berlin. Continued negotiations with KLEINSTEUBER through repeated trips by LORENZ from the West Sector to the East and return failed, and indications were strong that the operation was an MI5 attempt to lure Otto into the East Sector. We do not plan to pursue this case.

Future Handling:

Should further action on this lead prove feasible, we are prepared to assist in any way possible.

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12. Subject: Ingrid BIEDER, ex-MI6 Weimar secret collaborator

Persons Involved:

1. Ingrid BIEDER, born 25 February 1932, Karlsruhe/CS, single, living at Neu-Isenburg bei Frankfurt/Rhine, Goethestr. 66, employed as a Chemotechnikarin
2. Otto, personal data known
3. Heinz, personal data known

Developments:

According to statements of Otto and Heinz, BIEDER was recruited by MI6 Weimar as a secret collaborator about 1953. Shortly thereafter she fled from the DDR, and it was not known whether she had departed on an MI6 mission. At any rate, as much of Otto's and Heinz's allegations have been confirmed, in that BIEDER has admitted during her refugee processing that she had been approached by the MI6. We have located her at the above address, but have not yet approached her. Of particular significance in this case is the fact that she fled to West Berlin on 19 July 1955 and proceeded by commercial air to West Germany where she obtained employment and initiated refugee recognition proceedings on 1 September 1955. While this may be a completely explainable move on her part to avoid refugee processing in Berlin, and even though she admitted attempted recruitment by the MI6 Erfurt as the reason for her flight in the course of her ENAV proceedings, it is noted that MI6 Department XV habitually utilizes the technique of having agents they designate to the Federal Republic avoid refugee camps where the refugee is subject to interrogation by several security agencies; BIEDER appears to have utilized this technique to establish herself in the Federal Republic. It is also interesting to note that she is listed in the East German HVNPF Findungsbuch dated 1 January 1957 with correct last residence Berlin NO 55, Naujardstrasse 16.

Future Handling:

We do not plan to take any action on this case, unless future joint discussions should indicate this more feasible. We feel this case should be investigated, and stand ready to provide tracing and research support.

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13. Subject: Horst Heinrich HOELZ, NIS Erfurt secret informant

Persons Involved:

1. Horst Heinrich HOELZ, born 5 March 1916, Ralinger, Kr. Trier, living at Weimar, Steubenstr. 3\*, phone 39 16, lawyer

2. Otto, personal data known

Developments:

According to statements of Otto, HOELZ was recruited by the KGB about 1952. Otto learned this from HOELZ himself, who was Otto's personal lawyer, and Otto once saw the KGB file on HOELZ. It was known to Otto that HOELZ occasionally made trips to Western Europe. Though we have taken no action up till now, we are extremely interested in this case.

Future Handling:

Inasmuch as Otto will have legal matters to clear up concerning his wife's property in the DR, Otto will have legitimate reason to invite HOELZ to confer with him in West Germany sometime in the near future. We have agreed to approach this target personality bilaterally, and we will recommend a date for further discussions on the matter. Traces would be of interest.

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